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Celebrate America Recycles Day - And Win With Your Bin!

FALLS CHURCH, VA. – On Monday, Nov. 15, 2004, the City of Falls Church will join communities across the country to celebrate the eighth annual America Recycles Day. A local highlight of this national event will be a tour of residences that use recycled products and other environmentally friendly elements. In addition, residents will once again be eligible to win special prizes by recycling right!

The “Green Choices” Homes Tour will take place on Sunday, Nov. 14, beginning at 2 p.m. at 704 Randolph St., site of the first “deconstruction” project in the City of Falls Church. The public is invited to a brief America Recycles Day program, followed by refreshments and distribution of maps to the home tour sites.

The annual “Recycle Right” contest will be held Tuesday through Friday, Nov. 16-19. To be eligible to win a prize, residents must properly prepare recyclable materials set out at the curb. Guidelines are as follows:

- Flatten all cardboard boxes and fold or cut them to dimensions not to exceed 2 feet by 2 feet.
- Place all newspaper, cardboard, and mixed paper in a paper bag or bundle them together with twine. (Do not place loose paper/cardboard in the bin!)
- Rinse all cans, bottles, and jars.
- Remove caps or lids from cans and bottles. (Plastic caps should be discarded, but metal lids may be tucked into cans for recycling.)
- Include only plastic jugs and bottles – no other plastics. (No yogurt containers, butter tubs, or other containers in which the top is larger than the base.)

A total of eight winning households (two each day, Tuesday through Friday) will be randomly selected from households that have “Recycled Right.” Prize packages will include products made from recycled materials, such as T-shirts made from plastic soda bottles.

By pledging to recycle and buy recycled products the public can also enter to win a Ford Escape Hybrid Electric SUV or a TREK 24-speed bicycle made of recycled aluminum. Pledge cards are available online at www.mwcog.org/environment/recycling/recyclesday or at the Mary Riley Styles Library (120 N. Virginia Ave., Falls Church) or City Hall (300 Park Ave., Falls Church).

For more information, call the City’s recycling coordinator at 703-248-5176.

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